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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9741

INFO AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

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TAGS: BEXP, JM

SUBJECT: U S FOOD EXHIBIT (FAS SPONSORED) IN KINGSTON

REFS: (A) KINGSTON 4904 (B) STATE 300290

SANTO DOMINGO FOR AGATT

FROM AMBASSADOR FOR ARA/CAR

1. AS THIS EMBASSY HAS ALREADY POINTED OUT IN REFTEL (A), THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN JAMAICA IS NOT RPT NOT PROPITIOUS FOR A U.S. SPONSORED FOOD SHOW WHICH INCLUDES A NUMBER OF CONSUMER ITEMS PRESENTLY BANNED IN JAMAICA. IN ADDITION, OTHER PRODUCTS COMPETE DIRECTLY WITH LOCALLY MANUFACTURED GOODS SO PROSPECTS FOR SALES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF THE RICE PROBLEM, BUT OTHERS APPARENTLY ARE NOT SINCE FAS EXPORT PROMOTION DIVISION TELEPHONED COMMERCIAL OFFICER TO REQUEST INCLUSION OF RICE AS ONE OF PRODUCTS TO BE EXHIBITED

2. I NOTICE THAT CONTACT WITH OTHER TRADERS IN THIS AREA IS ONE OF REASONS GIVEN FOR FOOD EXHIBIT. SUCH CONTACTS COULD SURELY BE MADE BY FIRMS THROUGH VISITS OF THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRESENTATIVES AND/OR THE USUAL COMMERCIAL CHANNELS AND

AT LESS COST TO THE U.S. TAX PAYER. IN TERMS OF LOGISTICS,
THIS POST CAN PROVIDE ONLY VERY LIMITED SUPPORT DUE OTHER
VIP VISITORS (INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND MEETING),
A SMALL STAFF, AND EXTREMELY SHORT LEAD TIME

3. I DO NOT THINK HAVING THIS SHOW WITH THESE PRODUCTS
AT THIS TIME IN JAMAICA IS IN THE U.S. INTEREST AND AGAIN
STRONGLY URGE ITS CANCELLATION GERARD

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